

**MARYLAND MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

DATE: Monday, February 26, 2018  
TIME: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.  
LOCATION: Miller Senate Office Building  
Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Cmte. Room  
11 Bladen Street, Second Floor  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

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**AGENDA**

- I. Departmental Report
- II. Legislative Overview
- III. Transition of Preferred Drug List Website Vendor
- IV. Community Health Projects and National Diabetes Prevention Program Update
- V. Improvement on Privately Insured Costs
- VI. Waiver, State Plan and Regulations Changes
- VII. Behavioral Health System Report
- VIII. Public Comments
- IX. Adjournment

**Date and **TENTATIVE** Location of Next Meeting:**  
**Monday, March 26, 2018, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.**  
**Miller Senate Office Building**  
**Education, Health, & Environmental Affairs Committee Room**  
**11 Bladen Street, Second Floor**  
**Annapolis, Maryland 21401**

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**Committee members are asked to contact staff if unable to attend**

**MARYLAND MEDICAID ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**January 22, 2018**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Winifred Booker, D.D.S  
Ms. Lesley Wallace  
Ms. Shannon Hall  
Rachel Dodge, M.D.  
Ms. Grace Williams  
Ms. Donna Fortson  
Mr. Norbert Robinson  
Judy Lapinski, Pharm.D  
Ms. Ann Rasenberger  
Ms. Kerry Lessard  
Ms. Vickie Walters  
Mr. Kevin Lindamood  
Adeteju Ogunrinde, M.D.  
The Hon. Shirley Nathan-Pulliam  
The Hon. Joseline Peña-Melnyk  
The Hon. Matthew Morgan

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

The Hon. Joanne C. Benson  
Travis Gayles, M.D.  
Mr. Floyd Hartley  
Ms. Susan Phelps  
Ms. Carmel Roques  
Mr. C. David Ward  
Ms. Christine Bailey  
Ms. Nicolette Smith-Bligen  
Ms. Michele Douglas  
Mr. Vincent DeMarco  
The Hon. Pat Young  
Mr. Ben Steffen

**Maryland Medicaid Advisory Committee**  
**January 22, 2018**

**Call to Order and Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Kevin Lindamood, Chair, called to order the meeting of the Maryland Medicaid Advisory Committee (MMAC) at 2:00 p.m. Committee members approved the minutes from the November 30, 2017 meeting as written. Ms. Stephanie Klapper attended the meeting for Mr. Vincent DeMarco and Ms. Cynthia Crawley-Fox attended for Ms. Nicholette Smith-Bligen.

**Departmental Report**

Ms. Tricia Roddy, Director, Planning Administration, announced several organizational changes within the Department. Mr. Robert Neall has been appointed Acting Secretary of Health, Mr. Dennis Schrader is now the Chief Operating Officer and Medicaid Director, and Ms. Jennifer McIlvaine will replace Ms. Audrey Parham-Stewart as Director of the Medicaid Finance Administration upon her retirement at the end of the month.

It appears that the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) has been reauthorized for the next six years.

Ms. Audrey Parham-Stewart and Ms. Jennifer McIlvaine gave the Committee an update of the fiscal year (FY) 2019 Medicaid budget (see attached presentation).

**Dental Update**

Mr. Bernard Simons, Deputy Secretary, Development Disabilities Administration (DDA), gave the Committee an overview of the new Family Supports and the Community Supports Waivers (see attached presentation).

**Legislative Overview**

Mr. Chris Coats gave the Committee a preview of the 2018 legislative session that began on January 10, 2018. The following are important dates to keep in mind: Bill introduction deadline for the Senate is Friday, February 2, 2018 and Friday, February 9, 2018 for the House. Over the course of the next few weeks there will be a large flood of bills being introduced. The Department of Legislative Services (DLS) expects that there will be approximately 3,000 bills introduced this session.

These deadlines are not firm deadlines because bills can be introduced at any point during the session, however they will have additional procedural hurdles to go through if they are introduced after these dates.

Crossover in on Monday, March 19, 2018. This is the day that bills need to pass out of their house of origin and cross over to the opposite house if they are going to continue on toward final passage. If a bill doesn't make it to crossover, generally speaking, it is an indication that bill is not likely to pass. Sine Die is Monday, April 9, 2018.

The Budget Bill was introduced last week. Last year the House moved its version of the Budget Bill, so this year it is the Senate's turn. As a result, this year's budget bill will be SB 185. The Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act (BRFA) bill will be SB 187. An adjustment to the Medicaid Assessment is included in the BRFA bill.

There is going to be a large volume of bills this session, with a large number being referred to the Department already. Over the course of the next few weeks, you will see the major things we have been reading about in the newspaper in terms of legislation will be introduced. The individual mandate penalty repeal that was included in the federal tax bill, as well as other ACA-related bills, will be introduced. There will probably be a bill related to last year's pharmacy anti-price gouging bill (HB 631) that passed that addresses generic drugs; there may be an attempt to apply those requirements to brand-name drugs. These are some of the things that we will be working on this session.

### **Quality Review**

Ms. Jill Spector, Director, HealthChoice and Acute Care Administration gave the Committee an overview of the quality assurance activities in the HealthChoice program (see attached presentation).

### **Waiver, State Plan and Regulation Changes**

Ms. Susan Tucker, Executive Director, Office of Health Services, gave the Committee the highlights of regulations, state plan amendments and waivers. Every year there is a pause in regulation promulgation during the legislative session but there are some projects the Department is working on until the end of February when regulations can be introduced again.

The Department will begin to pay for hearing aids and cochlear implants for adults starting July, based on certain medical necessity guidelines and is working on regulations to implement those changes.

The Department is starting to work on the programmatic aspects and regulations to enroll pharmacists to provide contraceptives and counseling starting next January.

In partnership with DDA, the Department will be working on the regulations related to the implementation of the two new waivers addressed earlier in the meeting.

### **Behavioral Health Administration**

Kimberly Cuthrell, JD., Ph.D., Director of Systems Management and Planning, Behavioral Health Administration, informed the Committee of the COMAR 10.63 regulations that went into effect as of January 1, 2018. In addition, community-based behavioral health providers were required to submit a COMAR 10.63 license application before January 1, 2018. Providers that were operating under COMAR 10.21 and COMAR 10.47 were required to submit a COMAR 10.63 license application.

As of January 5, 2018, the Behavioral Health Administration's Licensing Unit had a record of 540 community-based behavioral health providers that were previously licensed under COMAR

10.21 and COMAR 10.47. As of January 5, 2018, of the 540 providers, the Licensing Unit received 494 COMAR 10.63 licensed applications from providers.

As of January 5, 2018, of the 540 community-based behavioral health providers, 502 providers submitted an accreditation application to one of the four approved Maryland Accreditation Organizations. The Behavioral Health Administration's accreditation team and licensing team have provided technical support to providers, conducted webinars, facilitated community engagements, and developed an e-mail portal to respond to providers' inquiries within a timely manner. In addition, the Behavioral Health Administration offered providers financial assistance to pay for the accreditation process through the One-time Only Accreditation Assistance funds.

The Behavioral Health Administration's Licensing Unit is currently reviewing providers' COMAR 1063 license applications. The Behavioral Health Administration is providing technical support to providers to ensure completion and accuracy of providers' COMAR 10.63 license applications.

### **Public Comments**

Ms. Pattie Archuleta, Parents Place of Maryland thanked the Department for the CHIP extension.

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Lindamood adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.